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AMEMBASSY PARIS  
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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: FAO  
SUBJECT: U.S. PARTICIPATION AT FAO L.A. REGIONAL CONFERENCE

REF: ROME 18073 (NOTAL)

1. FRENCH HAVE AGAIN ASKED FODAG WHAT THE U.S. POSITION IS ON INVITATIONS TO THE FAO LATIN AMERICAN REGIONAL CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN MONTEVIDEO, URUGUAY, AUGUST 9-19, 1978. FRENCH HAVE BEEN INFORMALLY TOLD THAT DG WILL SEND INVITATION TO US, FRANCE AND NETHERLANDS TO COME AS OBSERVERS TO L.A. REGIONAL CONFERENCE RATHER THAN AS MEMBERS AS IN PAST.

2. FRENCH POSITION IS THAT THEY ARE NOT HAPPY ABOUT BEING INVITED AS OBSERVERS, BUT WILL NOT OBJECT UNLESS USG OBJECTS. THUS FRENCH WANT TO KNOW WHAT USG INTENDS TO DO. FODAG RAISED  
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ISSUE WITH DUTCH PERM REP WHO SAID HE HAD NO RECENT INSTRUCTIONS, BUT BASED ON PREVIOUS INSTRUCTIONS DUTCH WOULD INSIST ON FULL MEMBERSHIP AT L.A. REGIONAL CONFERENCE WHERE THEY PLAN TO BE REPRESENTED WITH DELEGATES FROM ANTILLES.

3. A CHECK WITH DE CAPRONNA INDICATED THAT  
FAO WOULD SEND OUT INVITATIONS TOWARD END OF  
APRIL. DE CAPRONNA DID NOT KNOW TYPE OF  
INVITATION US WOULD RECEIVE; BUT HE SAID  
ISSUE WOULD BE CONFUSED, BECAUSE FAO REGIONAL  
CONFERENCE WAS NOW GOING TO BE A JOINT MEETING  
WITH ECLA, ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA.  
THE U.S. AS A MEMBER OF ECLA WOULD BE INVITED  
AS A MEMBER TO JOINT MEETINGS, BUT THERE ALSO  
WOULD BE SOME SEPARATE SESSIONS.

4. DE CAPRONNA SAID THAT FAO AFRICAN REGIONAL  
CONFERENCE (SEPTEMBER 12-22, ARUSHA, TANZANIA)  
WOULD ALSO BE HELD IN CONNECTION, AS DISTRICT  
FROM JOINT, WITH ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR AFRICA (ECLA)  
AND WOULD CONCENTRATE ON AID MATTERS WITH INVITATION  
TO US AS OBSERVER EXPRESSING DESIRE THAT AID  
OFFICIALS ATTEND MEETING.

5. COMMENT: JOINT MEETING WITH ECLA  
FURTHER CONFUSES QUESTION OF US MEMBERSHIP  
IN FAO LATIN AMERICAN REGIONAL CONFERENCE.  
SUGGEST DEPARTMENT CONSIDER MATTER AND COORDINATE  
WITH DUTCH AND FRENCH. AT QUAI MME. MUSSO IS  
ACQUAINTED WITH ISSUE. IF EMBASSY PARIS  
TALKS TO MME. MUSSO, FODAG WOULD ALSO BE  
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INTERESTED IN HER READING OF CURRENT VISIT TO  
FRANCE OF FAO D.G. SAOUMA WHO WAS TO MEET  
PRESIDENT, FOREIGN MINISTER AND MINISTER  
OF AGRICULTURE. GARDNER

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